



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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December 9, 2011

Dear Legislative Members of the Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee:

Attached please find a copy of the report to the General Assembly relative to the transition plan for movement of Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children to the Iowa Plan.

This report was prepared pursuant to directive contained in Division III of SF 525.

As you are aware, HF 525 directed DHS to create the PMIC Transition Committee and have the completed transition plan be provided to the legislative interim committee by December 9, 2011. The legislation also goes on to state the following: and any revisions to address concerns identified by the interim committee shall be incorporated into a final plan developed by December 31, 2011, which shall be submitted to the general assembly by January 16, 2012.

This report summarizes the work of the committee to date, but is a preliminary report. However, providers and stakeholders have not had a chance to review this report. We will collect their feedback and comments for inclusion in the final report to be submitted by December 31, 2011. The report must be viewed as a work in progress until such time as the final report is submitted to the general assembly. In this way the Department will be able to properly solicit and receive input from stakeholders, both those who participated as committee members and others who have an interest and an investment in the welfare of children affected by this change.

The work of the transition committee will continue to meet up to and after the transition to provide input on the implementation activities and monitoring the progress toward moving PMIC services into the Iowa Plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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